

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
January 7, 2010
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
4:00 PM**

Commission Members Present: Denise Rueger (Chair)
Noah Parsons
Dave Wells
Don Perry

Commission Member: Laura Grunfeld (2nd half of meeting 4:50
on)

Chair Rueger called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

NO APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

As no formal minutes were taken, there were none to approve. Minutes will be written up from all of our notes and approved at a later date.

PERRY NOW HAS AN E-MAIL ADDRESS: Perry shared his new E-Mail address with the Commission.

PERRY SUGGESTED WE START OUR DISCUSSION TODAY WITH THE SO MUCH NEEDED CURB CUTS AND SIDEWALKS: The discussion zeroed in on 4 locations that were NOT disability useable. The first one discussed was the area of the Episcopal Church that has 1 sidewalk on the Church side but no curb cut and the other side, no curb cut or sidewalk. Miller Ave. has no curb cuts and no sidewalks. Lack of a accessibility across Rte 7 at the white antique shop. The library had 1 sidewalk but it doesn't go out to the road and no curb cut or sidewalk across the street to get to the sidewalk that is there. Berkshire School road has no curb cut to cross to the Police Station side nor is there a curb cut on the other South side to get to the sidewalk. There was a long discussion regarding the above and how to proceed. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Parsons would take pictures of the 4 sites and Perry would get us a map of the Rte 7 and Sheffield town area for us to use in conjunction with Parson's photos. Rueger was to ask Administrator Kellogg to attend part of the next Commission meeting to discuss with us how to proceed with this project.

WELLS HANDED OUT SOME DRAFT DESIGNS WORKED UP FOR A COMMISSION LETTERHEAD ALONG WITH RETURN COMMISSION LABELS: The letterhead designs were discussed and a suggestion was made that if the logo was in the left hand top of the letterhead, the design would look

better if it was flipped horizontally so that the heart opened to the right of the page.

GRUNFELD SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A DISABILITY TRAINING MEETING: She said she could call the MA OFFICE on Disability (ADA) and get someone to come out and speak to our Commission. She also said that she knew Mary Makuc of Monterey, who she thought, would be glad to come to one of our meetings to talk to us about living with a disability. *It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved for Grunfeld to proceed with the necessary planning with regard to having a disability training meeting.*

THE GROUP WAS REMINDED THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WOULD BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010 AT 4 PM.

The Meeting was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Chair Rueger adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Wells [assisted by Nan Wells]
Clerk